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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 9.—Oregon and Washington—Tuesday generally fair.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature of the state of Oregon convened at Salem yesterday. An organization was not effected and an adjournment taken until today when the governor's message will be read. The message will deal with a financial statement of the state; opposes any change in the corporation or inheritance laws; favors abolishment of two of the normal schools and a uniform system of education, doing away with the primary grades, the schools to be used for preparing teachers exclusively. The message also recommends the establishment of whipping posts for wife beaters; making desertion of wife and children a crime, and extraditable.

Bills have been prepared for introduction on most of the recommendations of the governor. One that will be introduced will be to establish the whipping post for wife beaters. While this punishment is severe, yet it is the only means that can be devised to inflict adequate punishment upon this class of brutes. Another good law will be making desertion of wife and children by a husband a crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary. In order to make the law effective, it will provide that a man indicted can be extradited. This is a just law and if enforced will put a check on men becoming infatuated with another man's wife and leaving his own and children to be supported by the county.

Another law which will be introduced is to make gambling a felony which will include all kinds of games, whether played in saloons or cigar stores, also including nickle-in-the-slot machines. There is no doubt but this law will pass, as no man would care to go on record as voting against the measure. There is a strong feeling throughout the state against gambling, brought about by the efforts to close gambling in Portland and the determination of the gamblers to violate the laws. That gambling will be carried on in private clubs and in secret places admits of no doubt, but the effect of the law will be to remove the games from public places where young boys are permitted to play.

If the legislature will pass these few laws, draw the munificent salary paid them by an obsolete constitution, and adjourn, they will accomplish all that is requisite, and necessary for the government of the state. No other reform measures are needed. The statute books are filled with reform laws that are never enforced, because public opinion is against them.

OPEN WIDE THE GATES.

A large majority of the American people are in favor of keeping the gates of the Lewis and Clark fair open on Sunday. There are a large number who are in favor of having the gates closed. The Portland Ministerial Association is advocating and working for closed gates. The labor organizations are in favor of open gates. In the opinion of a great many this question should be left to the people who furnish the money to inaugurate and carry on the fair. But, as a rule, it is those who never contribute a cent to any enterprise who always have the most to say as to how it shall be managed.

If all the saloons, cigar stores, hotels, restaurants, beer gardens, theaters, stores and other places are to be kept open on Sunday. If excursions are to be given on the rivers, and horse races on the fair grounds; games of ball and other amusements to be allowed, then the gates of the Lewis and Clark fair should be thrown wide open. Not all of the people who will visit the fair will care to attend church. Not all of them will care to put in Sunday at the saloons, or go on excursions or visit ball games or horse races; but they would be pleased to attend the fair on Sunday. It is not right to allow a certain class of people to violate the Sunday laws and compel others to close. We believe in Sunday observance, but also believe the example should be set by closing all places of public amusement on Sunday. If one class are permitted to carry on their

trade or occupation, the same privilege should be granted to others. It is not right to make fish of one and fowl of another.

The labor organizations of Portland insist that the gates shall be kept open on Sunday, as they claim, it is the only day that the laboring men can visit the fair. Those opposed to keeping the gates open argue that the laboring men can take one day off in a week and go to the fair, but they do not take into consideration that when a laboring man lays off a day, he loses his wages for that day, while the advocates of closing, as a rule, are men whose salaries go on whether they lay off a day or not. Consideration should be given to the laboring men. They are the ones that most need the instructions that will be derived from the fair. It will be an educational institution for them, and they have some rights that the moral wave contingent ought to respect.

PROFUGATING CRANKS.

The work of profugating cranks goes on apace in grasshopper Kansas. All the freaks, cranks, imbeciles and lunatics are to the manor born in Kansas. Among the prominent cranks hatched out, and who have attained national prominence are Pfeffer, with his flowing alfalfas; Sockless Jerry Simpson, who always had to hang up a bushell basket near the chimney on Christmas eve, having an antipathy for foot gear made of cotton or wool; Carrie Nation and her little hatchet, leader of the water wagon brigade of bleeding Kansas; John P. St. John, whose efforts built up a large number of drug stores; Governor Luelling and his legislature who are responsible for Aesop's Fables enacted into statutory laws; Mary Ellen Lease, who invented populism with all its kindred heresies. And now comes a member of the legislature, who has introduced a bill for the reformation of the social conditions, legalizing the propaganda of ten-year marriage. The bill provides that all marriage contracts shall terminate at the expiration of ten years, and also makes a proviso, that the contract may be extended ten years longer by consent of both parties. This is in line with the municipal regulations continuing the privilege of running saloons or allowing a dog to run loose; then would the family tie be ideal according to his reckonings and the state utopian.

We are accustomed to almost anything coming out of Kansas—populism, Carrie Nation, giant pumpkins and cyclones—the list of curiosities is varied and interminable. This new freak of social philosophy is, then, probably but a sport of the hard winter or a manifestation of the effects of spots on the sun. In the light of former experiences with the Kansas product of thought we can afford to be indulgent. A joint caucus of men and women called to consider the worth of this ten year marriage law would certainly be instructive if it did not contribute to the gayety of the nations.

Predicating an opinion upon the home products of this embryonic state we are inclined to the belief that ten years is too long to compel men and women to live together as man and wife. The propagation of the species in Kansas is not conducive to the moral ethics of society or good government, and a law prohibiting it in Kansas would redound to the general welfare of the country and reduce the supply of imbeciles and cranks which have become so prolific in that state.

A close study of astronomy will disclose the fact that the moon is full in Kansas a greater portion of the time, and the influence of the moon, it is claimed by science, is the cause of so large a grist of men and women who are considered freaks, being absolutely devoid of brain or any cells in their human anatomy for a brain storage battery. We have a large contingent of Kansas people in Astoria, who if they were under oath would admit that they hailed from that state, but they seem to be endowed with ordinary intelligence and must have migrated from the country before the crank industry superseded all other branches.

Fulton Appreciated.

The following from the Salem Statesman, shows that Senator Fulton's efforts are appreciated:

The Greater Salem Commercial Club met last night in the council chamber at the city hall.

Two reports of the executive committee were read and ratified by the club. The report of the correspondence committee was submitted and adopted. The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of George F. Rodgers:

"Resolved by the Greater Salem Commercial Club, That we fully endorse and commend the efforts of United States Senator Chas. W. Fulton to induce the government to remove the unnatural barrier and hindrance to the commerce of the Willamette valley offered by the possession of the Willamette locks at Oregon City by a private corporation, and that the following telegram be sent to Senator Fulton at Washington:

"Senator Chas. W. Fulton, Washington, D. C.:

"We heartily commend your efforts to open the Willamette locks and wish you success."

FOUND MISSING MEN

Webfoot Crew Reached Shore
Alive But Exhausted.

DIED ON NEHALEM SANDS

Cook L. A. York Found the Bodies
Which Were Interred at Nehalem,
With Assistance of the Crew
of the Gerald C.

The gas schooner Gerald C, belonging to Fisher Bros., arrived in yesterday after having been bar bound at Nehalem for five weeks. While there the crew of the schooner assisted in the funeral of the two men lost overboard from the Webfoot.

Captain Frank Latham of the schooner states his belief that the men reached shore after their experience, but that they died of exhaustion. There were but two bodies, while three of the crew are known to have been in the boat. There was nothing on the men to indicate what their names were.

L. A. York, now cook on the steamer Harrison, found the bodies on the shore. The boat came ashore at a point near where the bodies were lying, and as it was little injured, and the oars also were there, the opinion is given that they reached shore alive. They had no food or water, however, and probably died soon after reaching the sands.

The master of the Gerald C. had a good cargo, and reports an uneventful trip after being able to clear the bar.

MARINE NOTES.

Chinook Will Go to Frisco for Repairs.

The schooner Mable Gale, with lumber, left out Sunday for San Francisco. Columbia river light ship No. 50 is tied up here for repairs to her boilers. It is understood that no contracts have been made for the work, which will only be temporary. Repairs will probably be made in Portland.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in Sunday with freight and passengers on her regular trip from Tillamook. A French bark, the Eugene Faurel, went up the river in tow yesterday to discharge. She has no outbound cargo yet.

The Kilburn left out Sunday on her regular trip.

The schooner Jos. Russ arrived down the river with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco, and left out yesterday. The power schooner Gerald C, belonging to Fisher Bros., arrived in yesterday from Nehalem, where she has been barbound for five weeks.

The steamer Redondo left San Francisco for Astoria and Portland Saturday.

Work on the Shamrock at Leathers is progressing rapidly and the vessel will soon be in commission.

The hull of the Sea Foam, which was built by Captain Stream, will go up the river in tow to have machinery installed at Portland.

The steamer W. H. Harrison arrived in yesterday with a cargo of salmon for Elmore.

The American steamer Olympia arrived in Sunday from Puget sound. She is after a cargo but it is not known where or what it is and this gave rise to a report that it is contraband for the orient.

The steamer Laqua left San Francisco for Portland Saturday.

The steamer Aurella left San Francisco for this port Saturday on her regular trip.

It is rumored that the Roanoke, one of the Alaska fleet, will be brought here to compete on the Columbia with the San Francisco boats of the O. R. & N. fleet.

The steamer George W. Elder arrived in yesterday with freight and passengers for San Francisco.

The schooner Ethel Lane arrived in yesterday.

A BIG RUSH.

A large number of Bargain hunters have already crowded Herman Wise's Clothing Store; fortunately Mr. Wise's stock of fine overcoats and suits for Men and Boys is so large that a great many more smart buyers can get suited without trouble; this is certainly the greatest sale of fine goods in Oregon. Don't wait too long and be sorry later. NOW is the time to get special Bargains at Herman Wise's big Clothing shop. WISE knows how.

PRISONERS KILLED.

Attempt to Break Jail Costs Men Lives.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—News from Manila, received today, tells of an attempt by 500 convicts at Bilibid prison to break jail. The attempt occurred December 7, and resulted in the killing of 16 prisoners and the wounding of 40 others. Six of the wounded are not expected to live and 26 others are in a critical condition.

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